

Dear Basketball Families,

3x3 Basketball is being offered as a sport **June 21-26, 2020** at the upcoming **International Children's Games at Kecskemét, Hungary**. Team Kelowna and the City of Kelowna would like to extend this invitation to all eligible and interested athletes. We are approaching you early to submit your expression of interest.

Around 2,000 children aged 12-15, coaches, and staff from more than 100 cities and 70+ countries will compete in dozens of competitions and participate in cultural activities over the course of a week in the "Children's Jr Olympics" (recognized by the IOC), which will take place in Hungary. Kelowna has sent teams to every Games since hosting our first Winter Games outside Europe in 2011.

Visit the main ICG website for general info: <http://webicg.org>. Once the 2020 link is published, we will let you know.

Participating athletes must reside in Kelowna greater area or attend school in SD23 catchment. Athletes must be 12 years old by the 1st of January 2020, and must still be 15 years old, on 31st December 2020.

The 2020 Technical guide and Parent FAQ is expected to be published this summer/fall. We plan to send a boys and girls 3x3 team (max 4/team).

All events are held in accordance with international competition rules. To note, you do not have to "qualify" to attend and athletes do not have to be affiliated with a specific "club". It is city-wide and open to all eligible Kelowna athletes living in Kelowna and/or attending school in the SD23 catchment.

ICG is as much about cultural exchange as they are about athletic competition, so athletes don't have to be the "best of the best." All we ask is that the selection process is transparent, fair, and communicated to all eligible athletes in an organization and throughout SD23, so everyone is included in this exciting opportunity.

How it Works:

Teams/Coaches are selected and then confirmed with Team Kelowna as attending by June 2019. Parents pay travel costs of their athlete only. Teams sometimes historically have fundraised or paid for the coach's travel expenses but is not mandatory. The coach can be a Parent as well. Athletes may travel solo (without parents), with 100% supervision by the Kelowna Head of Delegation and City VIP attending with the team. Parents are very welcome to attend as spectators; however, they will be on their own to arrange accommodation, meals and transportation while at the games.

Athlete and Coach expenses (accommodation, meals, transportation during the games, airport transfers) are covered by the Games host. Airfare is NOT COVERED for participants.

Our ICG Kelowna committee raises funds to purchase team jackets/shirts and to send a Head of Delegation (HOD) and City VIP. It's a city-to-city Games, rather than nation to nation, so we're always representing the City of Kelowna. Please do not hesitate to call us with your questions. We look forward to having you on board Team Kelowna!

Warm Regards,
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